

Racial preference is something that exists across all races and ethnicities, and not solely white..although it's definitely been manifested moreso in white [populations] throughout history, with the history of slavery, and immigration policies and things like that. But I definitely think that everyone has their inherent biases and preferences for their own race. I am a human development major myself, and we talk a fair amount in class about these racial biases that we harbor even from a very young age. Children as young as 6 months old already can more easily identify differences in faces of their own race in comparison to other races. This concept of other is ingrained in us...in ourselves from such a very young age. This is something that we need to check and then work actively against. And I think one of the most powerful ways of acting against this idea of racial preference and racism is through conversation..More specifically, not being concerned that something that we're saying or something that we're asking about is wrong. We need to stop trying to hide things that we think, and things that we acknowledge, because I definitely think that putting them out there for others to critique, and others to correct us, through with an open mind: saying that "you know know this is something that I think about" and "this is something I'm wondering about" and "I need to know how to better communicate that point," "how to better integrate in the community."